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SUBJ: SLOVENE MINORITY ISSUE: CLASH IN CARINTHIA

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1. ON AUGUST 8, POLICE IN ST. KANZIAN, CARINTHIA, ARRESTED ELEVEN PRO-SLOVENE DEMONSTRATORS WHO TRIED TO PICKET DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TO LOCAL DEAD IN TWO WORLD WARS AT WHICH MAIN SPEAKER WAS HEAD OF CARINTHIAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (HEIMATDIENST). THIRTEEN MORE DEMONSTRATORS WERE ARRESTED WHEN THEY SOUGHT TO FREE THEIR COLLEAGUES AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS. LOCAL OFFICIALS LATER ADMITTED POLICE HAD "OVER-REACTED," AND PRESS GENERALLY HAS DEPLORED INCIDENT.

2. INCIDENT IS FIRST OVERT INDICATION OF INCREASED TENSION IN CARINTHIA SINCE RECENT AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENTARY DECISION TO TAKE MINORITY CENSUS IN CONJUNCTION WITH FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF MINORITY RIGHTS UNDER STATE TREATY. AS STATED REFTTEL, EMBASSY BELIEVES INCIDENTS ARE LIKELY TO BE MORE FREQUENT AND POSSIBLY MORE VIOLENT AS CENSUS DATE (TENTATIVELY NOVEMBER 14) APPROACHES.MEEHAN

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